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Decision regarding the establishment of a voluntary trust fund or funds for the purpose of facilitating compliance under article 76 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Noting the concerns of some States regarding their compliance as a matter of urgency under article 76 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the need for dissemination of information and for training of personnel of developing countries with respect to their compliance under article 76 of the Convention, the Tenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea decides to recommend to the General Assembly of the United Nations that the Assembly consider, at its fifty-fifth session, under the agenda item entitled "Oceans and the law of the sea", the establishment of a voluntary fund or funds, for the purposes of: (a) providing assistance to States Parties to meet their obligations under article 76 of the Convention; and (b) providing training to developing countries, in particular the least developed among them and small island developing States, for preparing their submission to the Commission with respect to the limits of their continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles, as appropriate.

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